ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

I have also to announce that Government have approved the election of Mr. T, K. Velu Pillai as Deputy President.

This is a non-official day : and I propose to ask Mr. Velu Pillai to undergo his baptism of fire to-day.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking members for their uniform courtesy to the Chair during the Budget Session and I am confident that they will accord to the Deputy President the same courtesy and consideration that they have accorded to me.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : We thank you Sir, for the very fair rulings and also for the consideration shown to the House.

PRESIDENT : Thank you.

(At this stage the President left the House and Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai took the chair.)

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : We shall now proceed to the consideration of the resolutions. The first resolution stands in the name of Mr. Asan,

Remission of Land Revenue.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

> *"This Assembly recommends to the Government that 50 per cent. of the land revenue due for the year 1109 be remitted and that the arrears of revenue at present due be realised without interest only with the last instalment of 1109".*

Sir, this subject is not a new one either to me or to the legislature of this country. I have moved a resolution almost similar to this in 1107 and by chance that was lost by a narrow majority of two votes. Now, this is a bigger Assembly with a larger percentage of elected non-officials and the economic depression has aggravated to a very large extent. It is in the full hope that this resolution will meet with the unanimous support of at least the non-official members that I move this resolution. I need not dwell at length on the various difficulties that the agricultural population and the land holders of this country are at present experiencing. The yield from the land has gone down considerably and the price of produce has also decreased by more than 50 per cent. It is the duty of the Government to see——

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I wish to know from the member whether the yield from the land is sufficient to cover the cultivation expenses and the Sirkar taxes ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : There are certain lands from which the yield would cover these expenses. But there are ever so many other lands from which even these could not be met. Sir,

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